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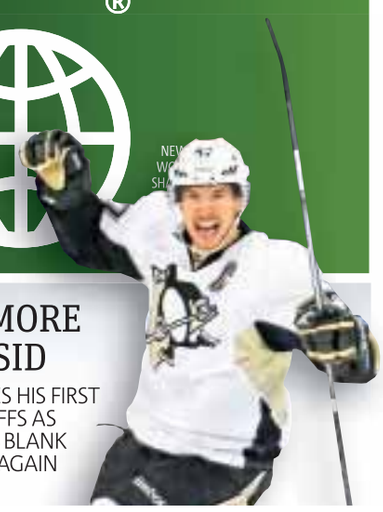

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PLEA FOR 'OUR GIRLS'

Women attend a demonstration on Monday calling on the Nigerian government to rescue kidnapped female students of a government secondary school in Lagos, Nigeria. A leader of a protest march for the 276 missing schoolgirls said Nigeria's first lady had ordered her and another protest leader arrested on Monday, and that she had expressed doubts that there was a kidnapping and accused them of belonging to the Islamic insurgent group blamed for the abductions. More coverage, page 6.

SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two dead after Sask.-based plane crashes

Colombia. Survey aircraft with registry matching that of Regina company goes down in Andes mountains

One of two Canadians identified as the victims of a plane crash in northeastern Colombia was described on Monday as a smart guy with a passion for the outdoors.

The civil aviation authority in Colombia says the registry of a plane that crashed high in the Andes on Saturday matches one belonging to Regina-based Oracle Geoscience International, which conducts aerial surveys for mining companies. Two people aboard, both Canadians, were killed.

The authority has identified the dead as Peter Moore, a co-founder of the company, and Neville Ribeiro, who was registered as the plane's pilot. It wasn't immediately confirmed whether either man was from Saskatchewan.

Jack Richardson, who knew Moore for about 25 years, was shocked to hear about the crash.

"His geophysics, doing the flying, analyzing the anomalies — he knew that stuff very well. We talked about it a lot," Richardson said from Blind River, Ont. "Peter is a good guy. He is very focused on his work, very focused on enjoying life."

Richardson said Moore ran an outfitting service for years on the Great Lakes. Moore used to take charters out salmon fishing and worked hard at it, said Richardson. "He was an excellent fisherman."

According to Oracle Geoscience's website, Moore graduated from the Haileybury School of Mines in Haileybury, Ont. The site says Moore started his survey career as an airborne operator for Dighem Surveys in 1987 and that he worked in more than 15 countries over the last 20 years.

"Most of his work was (in) northern Canada. He did all the diamond mine exploration when that was hot," said Richardson, who last spoke with his friend at the end of January when Moore arrived in South America.

Rescue workers struggled over the weekend to reach the twin-engine Piper PA-31 Navajo because of poor visibility at the remote site.

Col. Carlos Silva, director of the Colombian air force command and control centre, said the plane was seen from the air upside-down on the ground.

It was not clear what led to the accident. **THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NEWS 1

Officials investigating after body found in burnt garage

21st Street West. Little information released about the deceased

MORGAN MODJESKI
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Authorities are investigating a fire in the 2900 block of 21st Street West after the body of an adult was discovered Monday in a burnt garage.

The Saskatoon Fire Department and city police have released little information about the individual, but they say the body was discovered shortly after firefighters extinguished the blaze, which crews responded to at roughly 12 p.m.

This is the first body recovered from a fire in 2014 and Morgan Hackl, assistant chief with the Saskatoon Fire Department, told reporters investigators are trying to find out more about the incident.

"Saskatoon Fire Department investigators and Saskatoon Police Service investigators are on scene and they have not determined the cause of death," Hackl said.

He said firefighters discovered the body on the floor of the garage after they extinguished the blaze, which crews had under control in 15 minutes.

But Hackl wouldn't confirm the individual died as a result of the fire, noting that will be determined by the coroner's office.

"Until the coroner says the cause of death, we can't make any assumptions," he said.

Brenda Stephens, who lives four houses down from where the fire took place, called the death "shocking" and "sad."

"It's a close neighbourhood and everybody kind of looks out for everybody," she said. "So it's surely going to affect our community."

While Stephens said she didn't know the owners of the home well, she described them as a quiet middle-aged couple who "kept to themselves, but were friendly people."

Hackl said crew members who responded to the call will undergo a critical-incident stress debriefing and noted more information will be released as it becomes available.

An investigator from the Saskatoon Fire Department can be seen outside of a home in the 2900 block of 21st Street West on Monday afternoon. The body of an adult was found in a garage, inset, located behind a residence, but authorities have released little information about who the individual was. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Residents urged to sign up for emergency notification

Ray Unrau, director of emergency planning with the city. METRO

The City of Saskatoon is making a final push to have residents register for its new mass emergency notification system, NotifyNow, before a citywide test on Wednesday.

Ray Unrau, director of emergency planning with the city, said they already have information for roughly 74,000 names purchased from the SaskTel WhitePages, but they're trying to increase the number of people signing up for the program voluntarily.

"We have about 2,500 names of people who have opted in since the service has gone live," said Unrau. "We drastically want to improve that 2,500. We want that number to be as large as possible, to be the most effective system."

Aligning with Emergency Preparedness Week, the test will start at 9 a.m. on Wednesday and be cycled through Saskatoon one area at the time, as officials can co-ordinate notifications by neighbourhood.

Unrau said they want the public to customize the way they get their notification, be it through home phone, cellphone or email, to ensure the city has the most direct line of contact to residents.

"The only way this tool is going to work is if people opt in and manage their accounts accordingly," he said.

The system will be used do deliver three emergency messages: An evacuation message, a shelter-in-place message in case of a situation similar to a chemical leak, and a third generic emergency message.

By the end of 2014, officials hope to have 10 per cent of the city's population registered.

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Woods slaying

Murder trial zeroes in on phone threats

The trial for a Saskatoon man accused of killing his wife is focusing on threats he allegedly sent from his cellphone.

David Woods is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Dorothy Woods.

She was last seen in a grocery store on Nov. 11, 2011, and was discovered in a culvert south of Saskatoon almost two months later.

Sgt. Bruce Gordon, a retired police detective, testified that he interviewed Woods six days after his wife disappeared.

Gordon said a man named Derrick Brown alleged that the accused had sent him threatening text messages from Dorothy Woods' phone.

An interview video played in court shows Woods telling Gordon that the only time he ever used his wife's phone was when he responded to texts that he found from a man named Wayne. Woods says he returned the texts to essentially ask what was going on.

Woods says he had never heard of Brown until the day before the police interview. That's when one of his wife's friends told him that Dorothy had been romantically involved with Brown.

The texts Brown received from Dorothy's phone were sent on Nov. 15 and 16, 2011.

In the video, Woods says he has no idea where his wife's phone has been since she vanished. He says he was at work the days the texts were sent.

Gordon tells Woods that he knows Woods had his wife's phone the days the threats were made. He asks why anyone else would use the phrase "my wife." Woods replied that anyone could have been typing. CKOM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bosse slaying

Witness says he saw accused killer with victim at bar

The first witness took the stand Monday in the trial of a Saskatoon man accused of killing a university student and burning her body.

Douglas Hales is charged with first-degree murder and indignity to human remains in the death of Daleen Bosse.

Shawn Pauliuk was head bouncer at what was Jax Nite Club in Saskatoon in 2004, and said Hales was a part-time bouncer at the club.

Pauliuk testified that on May 18, 2004, Hales came into the club with Bosse, had one or two drinks, then left the bar with her.

Bosse was last seen alive that night and her remains were found in 2008.

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A Martian space habitat is shown in this artist's rendering. Artist Bryan Versteeg started working on the Martian space habitat after he was approached by the founders of the Mars One Foundation, which is planning a one-way mission to the red planet. The number of Canadians in the running for a planned one-way trip to the red planet has been reduced to 54 as Mars One pared down its list of candidates on Monday. BRYAN VERSTEEG/SPACEHABS.COM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

54 Canadians remain on standby list for Mars

Fantastic voyage. Ambitious Mars One project pares down the number of potential applicants for one-way mission to red planet

The number of Canadians in the running for a planned one-way trip to Mars has been reduced to 54 as Mars One pared down its list of potential worldwide candidates on Monday.

The Dutch-based non-profit organization said 705 people still remain in contention and will be subject to an interview by their selection committee.

The Mars One project, an ambitious plan to establish a permanent human settlement on the planet beginning in 2025, is the brainchild of Dutch entrepreneur Bas Landorp.

The 54 Canadians remaining are divided equally between male and female candidates.

Christy Foley, a 33-year-old Alberta government employee, is among the candidates who'll get an interview.

Foley said Monday she's not having any second thoughts about the one-way trip and is still very excited, adding her family doctor appeared surprised when she explained the reason for a complete medical.

"He said he never had this type of request before, so I guess Edmonton doesn't produce many astronaut wannabes," Foley said.

She and her husband had both applied when the call went out, but he was not chosen.

The majority of the remaining 54 Canadian hopefuls are from the Toronto region, but there's also a large contingent from British Columbia. Alberta and Quebec are next on the list, but other provinces also boast candidates. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Seeing red — they hope

Initially, Mars One had an applicant pool of more than 200,000 from 100 countries, including 8,243 Canadians.

- Last December, the organization reduced that to 1,058 candidates, including 75 Canadians.
- A third of the total candidates were cut, leaving the current crop of 705.

Former Alberta premier Alison Redford DEAN BENNETT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Redford returns to legislature

Former Alberta premier Alison Redford has returned to the legislature for the first time since she quit more than a month ago.

Redford is now a government backbencher representing the riding of Calgary-Elbow.

She has not been in the house since she stepped down March 23, but says she has been working in her constituency.

She did not answer questions on stories that have made headlines since her resignation, including a plan to have taxpayers build her a lavish penthouse suite on top of a government building.

Redford says those issues have been addressed by others in government and she has nothing to add.

She says her time away included a much-needed family vacation in Palm Springs.

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N.L. town puts whale on eBay

Free shipping? Scheme shot down by site, now mayor hopes museum will show interest

A sperm whale carcass sits on shore in Cape St. George, N.L., in this recent photo. The large carcass recently washed ashore, posing a problem other Newfoundland communities have had to deal with this season: how to dispose of one. CONTRIBUTED

A Newfoundland town's efforts to have a dead sperm whale removed from its coastline have hit a snag.

But the mayor of the community remains hopeful that someone will step forward to take the carcass of the 12-metre mammal off his hands.

Peter Fenwick, the mayor of Cape St. George on Newfoundland's west coast, put the whale up for sale on eBay. But the website took the auction down Monday because it violates its policies on animals and wildlife products, Fenwick said.

"Our major objective was to get rid of the whale, and we feel that there may be enough (people) out there who know about it, who may be interested in it," said Fenwick in an interview.

"So then we thought, 'Maybe there's a museum somewhere that would like to purchase it, and if there is, let's advertise it on eBay and see if anybody is interested.'"

He said he received a call from the federal Environment Department earlier in the day saying the sale of the whale could violate environmental regulations.

Two other Newfoundland communities recently reached a deal with the Royal Ontario Museum to retrieve the carcasses of blue whales that were rotting along their shores.

"If they call us, we'll be glad to talk to them and if they can come on down and arrange for a bit of equipment to do something, fine, they can get a free whale," said Fenwick with a laugh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scan the photo below with your Metro News app to see a photo gallery of the Animal Hall of Fame inductees and their heroic tales.

Brave animals become Hall of Famers

Edmonton police officer Const. Matthew Williamson looks at a photo of him and his service dog Quanto during the 46th annual Purina Animal Hall of Fame ceremony in Toronto on Monday. Quanto died from stab wounds during an altercation with a suspect in the line of duty. The five-year-old German shepherd was among the four dogs and one cat being honoured. The event recognizes extreme acts of courage, bravery and devotion by Canadian pets and service animals. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Villagers still digging as they wait for help

Afghanistan. Search continues for hundreds of victims of a landslide in Abi Barik village

Three days after the earth swept through his village, burying entire houses and hundreds of people, Hashmat Khan is still digging in search of his family.

Standing in a hole he'd dug out that reached over his head, Khan said six members of his family were buried in the horrific landslide that swept over the village of Abi Barik in Badakhshan province.

"We have rescued two injured and taken out two dead bodies, and now we're trying to find two more," he said.

One of the school teachers, Abdul Fatah Zafari, said the villagers have surveyed all the families and believe that around 50 students between ages of six to 15 died in the landslide.

The school building survived. But with what's left of Abi Barik under threat of further landslides and flooding, the surviving children haven't been able to attend school.

The landslide was likely triggered by heavy rains that have fallen across northern Afghanistan in recent weeks. It broke off a massive chunk of earth, burying hundreds of homes. Officials have said it will be impossible to bring up all the bodies, but many villagers have continued digging on their own.

Azizullah, who goes by one name as do many Afghans, said he was working on a construction site when he heard about the landslide and hurried home. Eventually he was able to find his wife and children alive, but his father and one brother are still missing.

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Survivors receive food donations on Monday near the site of Friday's landslide that buried Abi Barik village in Afghanistan MASSOUD HOSSAINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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More killed as tensions escalate in east Ukraine

Ukraine sent an elite national guard unit to its southern port of Odesa, desperate to halt a spread of the fighting between government troops and a pro-Russia militia in the east that killed combatants on both sides Monday.

The government in Kyiv intensified its attempts to bring both regions back under its control, but seemed particularly alarmed by the bloodshed in Odesa. It had been largely peaceful until Friday, when clashes killed 46 people, many of them in a government building that was set on fire.

The loss of Odesa would be catastrophic for the interim government in Kyiv, leaving the country cut off from the Black Sea. Ukraine already lost a significant part of its coastline in March, when its Crimean Peninsula was annexed by Russia.

In eastern Ukraine, gunfire and multiple explosions rang out in and around Slovyansk, a city of 125,000, which has become the focus of the armed insurgency against the government in Kyiv.

The Russian Foreign Ministry put the blame squarely on Kyiv, which "stubbornly continues to wage war against the people of its own country."

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People mourn Yulia Izotova in Kramatorsk, Ukraine, Monday. Witnesses say the 21-year old was killed by shots from a Ukrainian military column. A. ZEMLIANICHENKO/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Idaho. Judge to decide on same-sex marriage ban

A federal magistrate says she will decide soon if Idaho's ban on same-sex marriage violates the equal protection guarantees of the U.S. Constitution.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Candy W. Dale told attorneys for four couples Monday that the emotional case raised lots of questions, and that she would get a ruling out in the "relatively near future."

The four couples, all women, say Idaho discriminates by subjecting them to different tax rules and denying them rights given heterosexual families.

Their attorney, Deborah Ferguson of Boise, said the purpose of Idaho's 2006 constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage is to subject same-sex couples to stigma and shame.

The case comes down to a matter of states' choice and states' authority, said Thomas Perry, the attorney for Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, a defendant in the case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Boko Haram leader threatens to sell kidnapped girls in Nigeria

National outrage.
Protesters criticize military, President Goodluck Jonathan for inaction

The leader of an extremist Islamic group in Nigeria is threatening to sell the nearly 300 teenage schoolgirls abducted from a school in the remote northeast three weeks ago, in a new videotape received Monday.

Abubakar Shekau for the first time also claimed responsibility for the April 15 mass abduction, warning that his group plans to attack more schools and abduct more girls.

"I abducted your girls," said the leader of Boko Haram, which means "Western education is sinful."

He described the girls as "slaves" and said, "By Allah, I will sell them in the marketplace." The hour-long video starts with fighters lifting automatic rifles and shooting in the air as they chant "Allahu akbar!" or "God is great."

It was unclear if the video was made before or after reports emerged last week that some of the girls have been forced to marry their abductors — who paid a nominal bride price of $12 — and that others have been carried into neighbouring Cameroon and Chad. Those reports could not be verified.

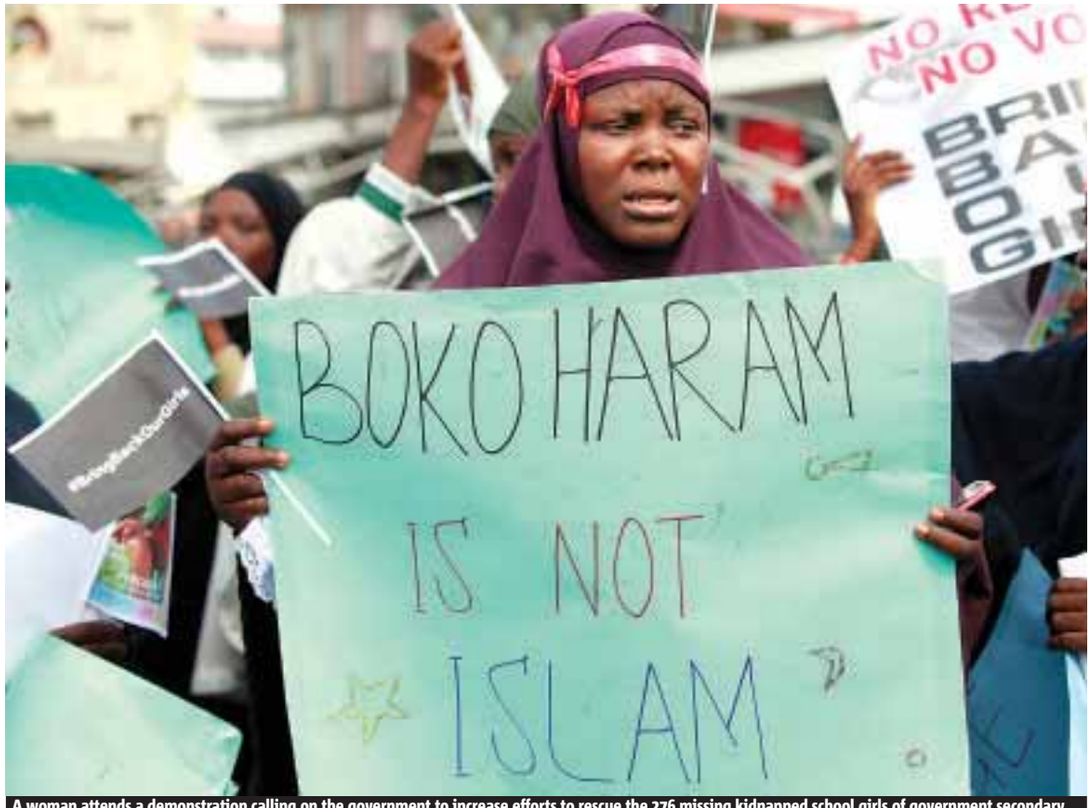
In the video, Shekau also said the students "will remain slaves with us." That appears a reference to the ancient jihadi custom of enslaving women captured in a holy war, who then can be used for sex.

"They are slaves and I will sell them because I have the market to sell them," he said, speaking in the Hausa language of northern Nigeria.

The video was reviewed by The Associated Press, and both the face and the voice of the leader of Boko Haram were recognizable.

Shekau brushed off warnings that the abductions could be an international crime, saying in English, as if to reach his accusers in the international community: "What do you know about human rights? You're just claiming human rights (abuses), but you don't know what it is."

The mass abduction and the military's failure to rescue the girls and young women have ignited national outrage with demonstrations in major cities. Protesters accused President Goodluck Jonathan of insensitivity to the girls' plight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A woman attends a demonstration calling on the government to increase efforts to rescue the 276 missing kidnapped school girls of government secondary school Chibok, in Lagos, Nigeria, Monday. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHO declares spread of polio a public health emergency

In this file photo from April of last year, a Somali child receives a polio vaccine at the Medina Maternal Child Health Center in Mogadishu, Somalia. BEN CURTIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

For the first time ever, the World Health Organization on Monday declared the spread of polio an international public health emergency that could grow in the next few months and unravel the nearly three-decade effort to eradicate the crippling disease.

The agency described current polio outbreaks across at least 10 countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East as an "extraordinary event" that required a co-ordinated international response. It identified Pakistan, Syria and Cameroon as having allowed the virus to spread beyond their borders, and recommended that those three governments require citizens to obtain a certificate proving they have been vaccinated for polio before travelling abroad.

"Until it is eradicated, polio will continue to spread internationally, find and paralyze susceptible kids," Dr. Bruce Aylward, who leads WHO's polio efforts, said during a press briefing. Critics, however, questioned whether Monday's announcement would make much of a difference, given the limits faced by governments confronting not only polio but armed insurrection and widespread poverty.

"What happens when you continue whipping a horse to go ever faster, no matter how rapidly he is already running?" said Dr. Donald A. Henderson, who led the WHO's initiative to get rid of smallpox, the only human disease ever to have been eradicated. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greece's Aegean Sea.
Smuggling boats capsize, killing migrants

At least 22 people — including families trapped in a flooded cabin — drowned when a yacht and a dinghy crammed with migrants trying to slip into Greece capsized Monday in the eastern Aegean Sea, authorities said.

Rescue teams led a search for up to seven more people missing, in what was one of the deadliest migrant boat accidents in Greek waters in recent years and the third fatal one this year. Many on board were from war-torn or unstable countries in the Middle East and Africa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

East Congo

Soldiers sentenced for mass rapes

A court has convicted and sentenced 25 soldiers accused of carrying out mass rapes in eastern Congo.

In rare convictions handed down Monday, a judge sentenced two soldiers to life in prison, three to 20 years in jail and 20 to 10 years.

Thirteen of those charged were acquitted, with the court citing lack of evidence.

Authorities say at least 135 women and girls were raped in and around the town of Minova in eastern Congo in November 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Neighbour tells trial he believes Pistorius shot girlfriend in error

Two-week recess.
Defence tries to regain momentum after prosecutors appear to poke holes in double-amputee's story

Oscar Pistorius cradles his head in his hands in court Monday at the resumption of his murder trial, following a two week break, in Pretoria, South Africa. THOBILE MATHONSI, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Using witness accounts of a panicked nighttime phone call from Oscar Pistorius begging for help and his desperate pleas for Reeva Steenkamp to stay alive, the defence at his murder trial tried to reinforce its case Monday that the double-amputee Olympian fatally shot his girlfriend in a tragic error of judgment.

Johan Stander and his daughter Carice Viljoen, neighbours and friends of Pistorius, testified that they were at the runner's villa soon after the shooting on Feb. 14, 2013 and that Pistorius was praying, trying to help Steenkamp breathe and urging her to live. The world-famous disabled runner had shot four times through a toilet cubicle door minutes earlier, hitting Steenkamp in the hip, arm and head.

Stander testified that Pistorius phoned him at around 3:19 a.m. — about two minutes after the shooting. Pistorius told him he had thought Steenkamp was an intruder and shot her, Stander testified, and Stander and his daughter went to Pistorius' house after the runner pleaded for him to come.

"I saw the truth there that morning" Stander testified, saying he believed the shooting was accidental because of Pistorius' desperation when they found him carrying a bloodied Steenkamp downstairs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prosecutors' version

Prosecutors maintain Oscar Pistorius, 27, is lying about the perceived trespasser, and his story is designed to cover up that he killed his girlfriend in the midst of a heated argument.

- The prosecution has focussed on events before the killing — and not Pistorius' demeanour afterward — to try and show that his version is a fabrication.

Circus accident. Investigators focus on broken clamp

A carabiner is the only piece of equipment investigators have found that failed in a circus accident in which eight aerial acrobats plummeted to the ground, a public safety official said Monday.

Providence Public Safety Commissioner Steven Pare stopped short of saying the broken carabiner was the cause of Sunday's accident at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus. He said federal workplace safety investigators were trying to determine why it snapped.

The four- to five-inch steel clamp was one of several pieces at the top of a chandelier-like apparatus that suspended the performers in the air, fire officials said. The clip was found in three pieces on the ground with its spine snapped.

Two of the acrobats were in critical condition Monday. Family members say their injuries included a pierced liver and neck and back fractures.

Performers hang during a stunt at the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus May 2. COURTESY FRANK CAPRIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stephen Payne, a spokesman for Feld Entertainment, the parent company of Ringling Bros., said none of the injuries appear to be life-threatening.

The circus said the women are from the United States, Brazil, Bulgaria and Ukraine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The service comes as Amazon seeks to make social media a bigger source for sales. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Controversial ingredient

BVO to go from all Coca-Cola drinks

Coca-Cola says it will drop a controversial ingredient from all its drinks that contain it, not just Powerade.

The change will apply to its drinks globally, meaning Canada and Latin America are phasing out the ingredient as well.
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Google hits play on music streaming service for Canadians

Music to our ears.
Google Play Music fills the void for Canucks still waiting for Spotify and Pandora to come here

Google is stepping into the streaming music game in Canada with the launch of Google Play Music, the latest in a growing number of services that could change how Canadians listen to their favourite songs.

The company announced Monday that its all-access subscription service would be the centrepiece for a broader digital music service that offers music on mobile phones, tablets and personal computers.

Aside from streaming, users can also buy tracks for their personal collections, quite similar to Apple's iTunes store.

Google's streaming service is one of the most extensive offerings available to Canadians yet, and a highlight of the technology giant's launch into selling music in Canada.

Google Play Music users will have streaming access to 25 million songs, which the company says is several million more tracks than its U.S. users can access. The cost is $9.99 per month, after an introductory rate.

The rollout will be available for phones and tablets on both the Android operating system and Apple's iOS devices.

The Canadian version will cater to local tastes, which includes a selection of Francophone music and a playlist that showcases this year's Juno Award winners.

The presence of legal on-demand streaming music has been limited in Canada.

Last year, free streaming music service Songza opened an office in Toronto with the goal of getting a head start against its competitors like Spotify and Pandora, two popular international streaming services that aren't yet available in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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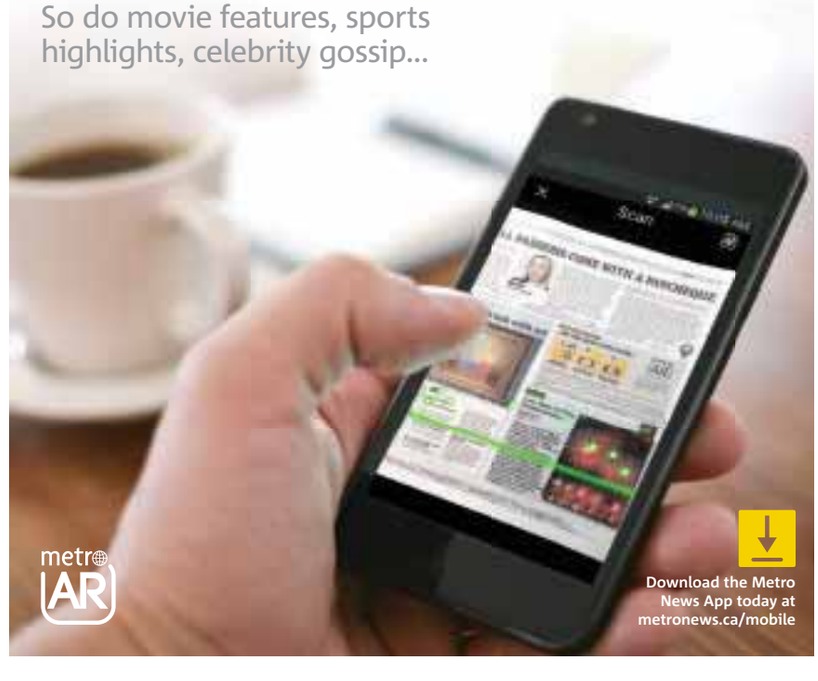

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DRAKE DOESN'T ALWAYS KNOW BEST

SHE SAYS

Jessica Napier
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It's incredibly easy for us to make new digital connections — you can acquire hundreds of online friends in minutes just by pressing a handful of buttons — but how much energy are you investing in working on your real-life social networks?

Friendships play a crucial role in our lives. Science has shown time and time again that maintaining close ties with our fellow human beings provides us with a wide variety of mental, emotional and physical benefits. One study even suggests that being lonely or having weak social bonds is a health risk comparable to smoking up to 15 cigarettes a day or being an alcoholic.

If platonic pals are beneficial for the mind, body and soul, reason would suggest that we try to accumulate as many as possible. However, evolutionary anthropologist Robin Dunbar argues that the cognitive limitations of our brains also impose limits on our ability to sustain stable social connections. You might have amassed hundreds of Facebook buddies, but humans can actually only comfortably maintain about an average of 150 genuine relationships. That number might be even lower for us technology obsessed, socially stunted Millennials.

So while TV sitcoms would have us believe we'll spend our whole lives hanging out with the same handful of people at the same bar year after year after year, real life doesn't work like that. If our brains can only handle a finite number of contacts, it's practical to audit your social circle every once in a while, online and in real life, to evaluate how and with whom you're spending your time.

As we get older, our interests and values inevitably change and we naturally begin to drift away from certain people. Drake might rap about having a No New Friends policy, but we do ourselves and the people around us a disservice by holding onto old friendships at the expense of making new ones.

I'm not suggesting that you should start eliminating old friends from your life like you're picking off contestants on a reality show. There is something very special about deep-rooted relationships; those BFFs who have known and loved you at your best and your worst, through bad breakups and even worse wardrobe choices.

But recognizing when you've outgrown certain individuals you have nothing in common with anymore can help you create some room in your brain and in your life for a few new friends.

Don't make it The Motto

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ZOOM

Manufacturing tradition

A team dressed as characters from The Wizard of Oz roll wooden 'cheese' during the Stilton Village Festival cheese-rolling competition on May 6 in Stilton, England. Local people are currently involved in a campaign to bring Stilton cheesemaking back to the village. The cheese is currently made in the counties of Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Derbyshire. PETER MACDIARMID/GETTY IMAGES

How this cheesy village rolls

An annual tradition invented about 50 years ago to revitalize local businesses attracted about 2,000 people to the Cambridgeshire village of Stilton in the U.K. this year.

The cheese-rolling competition takes place every May Day Bank Holiday Monday in Stilton — the village which gave the cheese its name. Teams roll wooden blocks resembling cheese through the streets. **BBC.COM**

'Ancient tradition' cooked up by locals

Cheese rolling was invented by two pub landlords who told villagers it was "an ancient tradition" in order to encourage them and others to take part.

Blocks of wood have to be used, because an actual block of cheese would not survive being rolled along the main road. The "cheese" is a block cut from an old telegraph pole and painted to look like the blue-veined cheese.

BBC.COM

Road takes its toll

- The event was originally dreamt up to encourage visitors after the village was bypassed by the A1 in 1959.
- The village, on the old Great North Road between Huntingdon and Peterborough, got rid of its traffic jams when the bypass was built, but the High Street and North Street lost passing trade as a result.

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As part of Bristol, England's Make Sunday Special campaign, streets are set up for pedestrian-friendly activities like dancing, yoga classes, concerts and art crawls.

All laudable. But, even with the schedule reaching into fall, it'll be hard to top artist Luke Jerram's Park And Slide: a 300-foot, slip-and-slide soap show that drew more than 96,000 people to a lottery deciding who would be among the lucky 360 to belly their way down Park Street. As for us in Canada, there's plenty of summer left for letter campaigns to city halls.

SCREENGRAB

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See that symbol? It means you can scan the photograph below with your Metro News app to watch the trailer for Showgirls. Was it really so bad after all?

DVD review

Veronica Mars

Director. Rob Thomas

Stars. Kristen Bell, Jason Dohring, Enrico Colantoni

The big-screen version of the cult TV series about a teen detective (Kristen Bell) is a homecoming designed to check off all the boxes for the many who wrote the Kickstarter cheques to make it happen.

Newcomers may find themselves mystified by the show's appeal. The movie looks and unfolds more like a pilot for the cancelled fourth Veronica Mars TV season, rather than a re-building of the franchise.

Reprising her title role as the teen sleuth in shady beach burgh Neptune, Calif., Bell brings us briskly up to date. Veronica has supposedly moved on from Neptune (she's now an honours law grad with a job in New York), but the movie is like pressing "play" on a PVR, for a story laden with shout-outs but short on substance.

The Deep End

Director. David Siegel, Scott McGehee

Stars. Tilda Swinton, Jonathan Tucker, Goran Visnjic

This Hitchcockian update of a thriller is a movie you just want to stare at — Giles Nuttgens' cinematography won a prize at Sundance.

Margaret Hall (Tilda Swinton) is a stressed-out housewife who lives with her three children and father-in-law in a very nice house overlooking picturesque Lake Tahoe.

Margaret's reserve is tested when her teenage son (Jonathan Tucker) becomes involved with an older nightclub owner (Josh Lucas) in nearby Reno. A series of events turn deadly and a stranger (Goran Visnjic) shows up at Margaret's door, seeking her attention — and hush money.

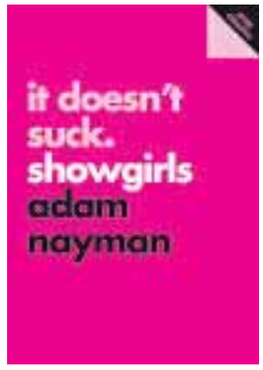
This is a film that holds its suspense to the very last drop. **PETER HOWELL**

Showgirls: The good, the bad and the ugly

Panned but not forgotten. Film critic Adam Nayman explores the cult success of Showgirls

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News

Since its release, Showgirls has gained a sizeable cult following. CONTRIBUTED



When it came out, Showgirls was a punching bag. It still is — it's just that now people actually enjoy hating it. It's become a bad cinema classic. But a wave of supporters, including J. Hoberman, Jim Jarmusch and Jacques Rivette, argue that it's a self-aware satire along the lines of director Paul Verhoeven's other work, including RoboCop and Starship Troopers. To this posse, add the critic, scholar and Metro writer Adam Nayman, whose book It Doesn't Suck: Showgirls makes a convincing and enjoyable case for its sneaky and subversive craft.

Did you always feel this way about Showgirls?
I saw it in theatres when it came out. I had to sneak in. The reason I wanted to see it at 14 was I wanted to see why it got zero stars from The Globe and Mail. I was interested in why people thought it was so bad. That probably had something to do with how I watched it the first time: Instead of being skeptical of the movie, I was skeptical of the negativity. Even though I liked it as a teenager, because I thought it was funny and outrageous, it wasn't until I got a little older and a little more well-versed with Verhoeven that I thought it could support a book.

The path of this movie from punchline to video hit is rather extraordinary.
One of the things I'm trying to get across in this is not that Showgirls is a great movie, but to explore what can account in 20 years for that kind of turn. You couldn't find a film critic in 1995 who would give this movie the time of day. And now whether it's for ironic reasons or if people are recognizing the artistry in it, you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who doesn't like it.

One of the questions raised by its viewers is whether Verhoeven and/or writer Joe Eszterhas knew what they were doing.
I would argue that they knew what they were doing. I know Elizabeth Berkley is a tough element to reconcile. I saw it recently, and people who had never seen it before were saying they didn't think she was that bad. That was a revelation to me — that there were people who were seeing Showgirls for the first time and they didn't even think the one seemingly obvious bad thing about it was very bad at all.

But even if one thinks it's bad cinema, it's not your typical bad cinema.
You see a film like The Room and nobody would say, "Oh, that's not that bad, the acting isn't that bad, the camera angles aren't that bad."

This to me is a little closer to Ishtar. I think that's a good film, too. It's interesting to see how people watching it for the first time now see it as opposed to people burrowed into that climate in 1987, when the film is a punchline.

I hate the mentality that something is clearly bad because everyone says so. Critics just save up their one-liners or put-downs instead of maybe applying to movies that are not consensus bombs. I don't particularly like The Lone Ranger, but that just seemed like an odd case where instead of engaging with what's in it, everyone was racing to put it down the most viciously.

Showgirls is a really terrible victim of that. You'd be hard-pressed, 15 or 20 years later, to find a critic who would stick to their original consensus.

Where do you stand?
I wish I'd read more things about Showgirls that said what I think about it, which is that it's well-crafted and some of that craft is persuasive, and then it clashes with how craven some of the dialogue and some of the characters are. To me that would be a more valid critical observation. Instead, you just read review after review of people saying how inept it is and comparing it craft-wise and style-wise to Valley of the Dolls. That's when you realize these people weren't really trying. Or if they were trying, they're just not very good at their jobs.

It's become de rigueur for trash cinema to get reclaimed. An entire culture has thrived defending, even intellectualizing genre films that don't get major awards.
Actually, the movies that tend to never get rewritten about, never get analyzed deeply or have interesting online writing about them are well-reviewed, upper-middle-brow movies from the '80s and '90s.

When I go to the Internet Movie Database to find a review of something that came out in the mid-'90s, I find there's a couple of dead links for The Washington Post or The New York Times from 1994. You can't find anything else about it. Whereas if it's a genre film, like Species, you can find really long-form online writing about it.

Quoted

"One of the things I'm trying to get across in this is not that Showgirls is a great movie, but to explore what can account in 20 years for that kind of turn." Adam Nayman, author of It Doesn't Suck: Showgirls, on the film's rise in popularity

Bryan Singer ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

X-Men director accused of sexually assaulting a second teen boy

A second man has come forward accusing X-Men: Days of Future Past director Bryan Singer of sexual assault.

The British man, referred to as John Doe #117, is represented by Jeff Herman, the same lawyer as the first accuser, Michael Egan. Doe claims he was introduced to Singer at the U.K. premiere party for Superman Returns when he was 17 years old. His complaint claims that Singer offered him drugs, and later grabbed him in a sexual manner and asked him to perform sex acts, according to The Daily Beast. After he refused, he says, a "large, muscle-bound man" hit him.

Singer's lawyer, Marty Singer, maintained that the accusations are false.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

How many celeb doppelgängers does blonde Levine have?

When Pretty McPretty boy Adam Levine tweeted out this photo of his new hairstyle (along with his pillow-lipped fiancée, Behati Prinsloo) on Saturday, everyone got pretty mad that he would go ahead and ruin that pretty face of his. So mad that "Adam Levine" started trending. However, the Maroon 5 singer took it all in stride. "I hope people understand that when they say my hair looks creepy, I take that as the highest compliment," he wrote about the hairy backlash.

TWITTER

However, Levine must know that he now looks like a certain ... someone. Maybe even a few someones? We compiled the women — and man — he now resembles. Anyone we're missing? Write to scene@metronews.ca to let us know.

Ryan Gosling

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Tilda Swinton

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West

Kute kouple Kimye get wedding licence

Kanye West and Kim Kardashian are well on their way to wedded bliss. They have the multi-million dollar home, they have the baby and now they have the papers.

Life & Style is reporting the power duo are officially married on paper, after a source told the magazine they got their licence in California. Although they could just be teasing us, since they've got 90 days to get hitched in the county in which they received their marriage licence.

In any case, the spectacle isn't off: Sources say plans are still on for their huge Paris wedding this month.

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Gettin' swishy with it

Oil pulling. Does this Ayurvedic detox technique actually work, or is it just a load of hogwash?

ROMINA MCGUINNESS
Metro World News in London

Coconut is renowned for its antibacterial properties, so coconut oil is a popular choice for oil pulling. ISTOCK

Oil pulling — an ancient Ayurvedic ritual whereby unrefined oil is swished in the mouth for 10 to 20 minutes a day — is thought to improve oral health and reduce toxic inflammation in the body. Two experts talk us through the mechanics and potential benefits of this holistic, and pretty harmless, technique.

It's a detox trick that's not expensive or difficult

According to L.A.-based neurologist and Ayurveda expert Dr. Kulreet Chaudhary, this is all you need to do: Wake up and either brush or floss your teeth. Now take one tablespoon of vegetable oil (or simply half fill the mouth) and slowly start to swirl it around, pulling it through your teeth. The idea is that you're not gargling it, but actively swishing it in your mouth. Do this for 10 to 20 minutes and then spit out the oil (do not swallow it as it now contains toxins), and brush your teeth again.

"The theory behind this practice is that saliva is one of the conduits for toxins throughout your body. This is because the salivary glands are able to pull toxins out of the bloodstream and store them there at a higher concentration," she tells Metro.

"What oil pulling does is it increases the secretion of saliva and extrapolates some of the toxins that have been sucked into the glands by trapping them inside the oil."

Cure-all for almost everything

According to Chaudhary, oil pulling is one of the cheapest, and fastest, ways of getting rid of a mild dental disease.

"When done daily, oil pulling can help cure conditions such as tartar build-up, bad breath and gingivitis within weeks," says Chaudhary. But she says it goes way beyond oral hygiene.

"The mouth is kind of a measuring stick in terms of inflammation for the rest of the body.

"If I have a patient suffering from heavy metal poisoning, migraines or rheumatoid arthritis, this is one the tools I use to help detox their entire body," she adds.

The best oil of them all?

"In Ayurvedic medicine, sesame oil is believed to be a complete oil: one that suits all body types and constitutions. It also contains high amounts of vitamin C, which can help heal wounds and strengthen the immune system," says Dr. Deepa Apté, an Ayurvedic practitioner.

He says sesame oil's ability to permeate the cell membranes make it ideal for oil pulling. That said, make sure you're not using an oil you're allergic to; sunflower or coconut work just as well.

"Coconut is renowned for its antibacterial properties and is a good option for people suffering from inflammation in the body — the root cause of most diseases and internal imbalances," says Chaudhary.

Your face is getting action

The contracting-relaxing motion engages your facial muscles in a mini-workout. "When done regularly, oil pulling helps increase blood circulation to the face and reduces the appearance of fine lines and dark circles," says Apté.

Natural — not miracle — cure

"There's this misconception. People are like, 'I'm still going to eat my doughnut, drink my Coke and stay up all night — but I'll do oil pulling.' It's something we do to balance the body, but it doesn't erase a bad habit," warns Chaudhary. "It gets a little misleading to say it will cure your acne or fix your teeth because it's never given in isolation; it's part of a toolbox for controlling a condition."

For your phone

My Incredible Body (iPad, iPhone; $2.99)

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This 3D atlas of the human body offers narrated fly-throughs and interactive activities that demonstrate how major body functions and senses work. An excellent resource for parents and curious kids.

Half-Off

Now that spring has sprung, Elisha has recommitted to her Half-Off goal and put more exercise at the top of the list. With intentions to ride her bike to work every day, would a fluke spring snowstorm finally be the event that derailed her? Visit metronews.ca/voices/halfoff to find out.

To retire cotton swabs?

Ear candling is a contentious, but popular alternative therapy, reputed to safely clear wax and debris from the ear canal and help conditions such as ear aches, infections, headaches and sinus pressure. It is thought to have originated in biblical times. But the treatment has detractors, especially in the medical profession, with some viewing it as a bogus, unproven alternative therapy.

"The process involves creating a negative pressure, which presumably sucks out the wax," says Dr. David Schessel, an ear, nose, and throat specialist at Long Island's Stony Brook Medical Center. "There have been some evaluations of its efficacy. One showed no vacuum was created, another found that the debris collected wasn't from the ear, but from combustion and the candle. I wouldn't recommend it."

Still, many spas and natural healing centres offer the service, and kits are available for in-home use. Maria Deslandes, owner of Boston's Southwest Day Spa, introduced ear candling eight years ago after she tried it herself.

Deslandes says ear candling, which takes about 15 minutes per ear and is performed with the patient lying down on a massage table, is soothing, too: "The lights are low; we have candles burning in the room. We stay and make sure it goes well. Most people say they find it very relaxing."

Schessel not only questions its efficacy, but its safety. "Pushing something into the ear canal has the potential to do damage," he says. "Most people think of earwax as dirt, something to be gotten out. Wax is natural and it has a purpose. It waterproofs the ear and kills bacteria. The ear is a self-cleaning structure. Severe impactions can occur." LINDA CLARKE, METRO WORLD NEWS IN NYC

Candling involves a candle being inserted gently into the ear canal and lit. Then the person lies without moving for 10 to 15 minutes. It is extinguished and the technician removes it. ISTOCK

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Want to substitute a local beer? Theresa Albert learns more about microbreweries

New handheld kid on the block

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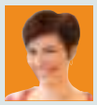
Spoons and forks are sooo last season



NUTRI-BITES
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This season it is all about handheld food.

The days of the dog being the only thing eaten on city streets and at cookouts is over.

More gourmet foods are hitting the pavement and one of the best examples of that can be found at Kanga, Toronto's first Aussie meat pie shop.

Intended to be enjoyed Down Under style with all the ease and swagger of an Australian treat, Aussies get cheeky with nontraditional fillings like butter chicken and pulled pork.

Co-owners Megan Chan and Erynn Maynes say, "Aussie meat pies are saucier than your average pie, topped with flakey puff pastry, and are intended to be eaten with one hand only. The other is strictly reserved for the beverage of your choice!"

Go handheld with these other ideas this summer:

- Sushi hand rolls
- Tacos are still all the rage
- Pulled pork in lettuce wraps
- Jumbo samosas
- Empanadas
- Tamales

Remember that the sides and dressings can make or break your calorie count. Mustard and hot sauce, yes! Mayo and anything deep fried, no.

And always, always fill up with a salad.

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Aussie Meat Pie.

These savoury filled pastries are perfect for those days when you don't have time to slow down

1. Preheat your electric pie maker, grilled cheese maker or waffle maker.

2. On medium heat, fry the onion in the oil and butter till soft. Add the garlic and thyme.

3. Sprinkle the flour in the pan and fry until a light golden colour (about 1 minute).

4. Pour in the beer and incorporate with the flour, and the mixture will thicken. Allow the beer to reduce for 3-4 minutes.

5. In a separate frying pan, fry ground beef and drain off fat. Add in tomato paste.

6. Add the cooked ground beef mixture and beef stock into the pan with beer and onions.

7. Season with salt and pepper to taste and set aside,

8. Line pie maker, grilled cheese maker or waffle maker with pastry, spoon in filling (usually about 1/3 of a cup). Allow to cook according to appliance instructions, usually about 8 minutes.

9. Enjoy with ketchup — or "tomato sauce" as the Aussies call it! Cheers, mate! **COURTESY ERYNN MAYNES, CO-OWNER KANGA**

Ingredients

- 1/2 medium onion
- 1 tbsp butter + 1 tbsp oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme leaves
- 1 tbsp flour
- 3/4 cup dark beer
- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 cup beef stock
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Ketchup to taste
- Two sheets of butter puff pastry (1 pkg)

This recipe makes two pies. THERESA ALBERT

FLASH FOOD

From your fridge to your table in 30 minutes or less

This recipe serves six and takes 30 minutes to make. PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Chicken Taco spice route leads to Peru

The combination of spices gives these tacos a Peruvian spin. For added Peruvian cred, add some chopped pitted green olives with the salsa, lettuce and cheese toppings.

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). In large frying pan, heat 1 tbsp (15 ml) of the oil over medium-high heat; cook onion, garlic, coriander, cumin, paprika, salt and pepper for 4 to 6 minutes or until tender. Push onions to side of pan. Add remaining 1 tbsp (15 ml) oil and chicken; cook for 10 minutes, stirring often, or until cooked through. Remove from heat. Stir in chopped coriander.

2. Remove taco shells from packaging. Arrange shells open side down in a single layer on a baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes or until crisp and light golden brown. Carefully remove from oven.

3. Divide chicken mixture evenly among the taco shells. Top each taco with salsa, lettuce and cheese and arrange on platter.

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
- 2 small onions, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) ground coriander
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) cumin
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) paprika
- 1 tsp (5 ml) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pkg (about 775 g total) boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut in thin strips
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) chopped fresh coriander
- 1 pkg (156 g) PC Taco Shells
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) medium heat salsa
- 1 cup (250 ml) roughly chopped iceberg lettuce
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) PC Tex Mex Shredded Cheese Blend

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Penguins centre Sidney Crosby celebrates scoring a goal against the Rangers in New York on Monday. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crosby's post-season scoring touch arrives

NHL playoffs.

Penguins captain ends goalless drought, Fleury makes 35 saves in shutout of Rangers

Sidney Crosby scored his first goal of these playoffs, and Marc-Andre Fleury earned his second shutout of the New York Rangers in two nights as the Pittsburgh Penguins regained home-ice advantage with a 2-0 victory in Game 3 on Monday night.

Crosby snapped a 13-game goal drought in the playoffs to give the Penguins the lead in the second period, and Jussi Jokinen added a breakaway goal. Fleury stopped 35 shots to back up his 22-save effort Sunday in a 3-0 win in Pittsburgh. He has eight career post-season shutouts and 51 wins.

The Penguins, who lost the opener in overtime, lead the Eastern Conference semifinal series 2-1. Game 4 is Wednesday in New York.

Henrik Lundqvist made 13 saves for the weary Rangers, who played for the fifth time in seven days. They have consecutive losses in these playoffs for the first time.

The tide turned in Pittsburgh's favour in the second period for the third straight game.

New York had 2:15 remaining on a four-minute power play that began in the first period, but couldn't cash in. To make matters worse for the Rangers, Crosby took a long stretch pass from defenceman Robert Bortuzzo, outraced Marc Staal, and beat Lundqvist between the pads from the left circle just 19 seconds after James Neal left the penalty box.

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NBA playoffs

Wizards draw first blood in series against Pacers

Washington keeps finding ways to break through old, stubborn barriers.

Even in the unlikeliest place of all — Indiana.

Bradley Beal scored 14 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, Trevor Ariza added 22 and the Wizards held off the Pacers with a stout defence over the final 7 1/2 minutes Monday night to get a 102-96 win in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

It was Washington's first second-round win in 32 years.

"We know it's a tough building to play in. We haven't won here in a while," Ariza said after the Wizards snapped a 12-game losing streak in Indy. "Why wouldn't this be the best time to come here and get a win — in the playoffs?"

So far things have gone well for the upstart Wizards.

After clinching their first playoff berth since 2008, the team has advanced to the second round for the first time since 2005 and won at Indiana for the first time since April 18, 2007.

Game 2 is Wednesday in Indianapolis.

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Canada riding high ahead of Commonwealth Games

The Canadian seven rugby side flew out of Glasgow on Monday having made history there by reaching the final at an HSBC Sevens World Series stop for the first time.

Next time the Canadian men are in Scotland, Commonwealth Games medals will be on the line.

It was a banner weekend for the Canadians at the Glasgow Sevens. They won their preliminary pool Saturday, defeating Japan and France and tying England. Canada then defeated Kenya 14-5 in the quarter-final and Scotland 10-7 in the semi-final before going down 54-7 at the hands of powerful New Zealand in the final.

The lopsided loss made for a strange "bit of an empty feeling" Sunday that was undeserved, said head coach Geraint John. "We shouldn't have had that, really," he said Monday. "Because to get to the final in the (World) Series for the very first time, it's a pretty outstanding achievement by everyone.

"I think today everybody's feeling a little bit better."

Canadians Phil Mack and John Moonlight were both named to the Glasgow tournament's all-star or Dream Team. Conor Trainor, meanwhile, turned heads with a circus-like try against France when he got his boot to a low pass in mid-flight and managed to tap it into his hands before sprinting over the line. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harry Jones of Canada breaks free of the New Zealand defence to score during the IRB Glasgow Sevens in Glasgow, Scotland. MARK RUNNACLES/GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will get what you desire today but you will have to pay a price for it. The planets will reward you for your hard work but they will also ask you to sacrifice something you may not want to give up.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The Sun's link to Jupiter will give your confidence a much-needed boost today but you may still have to learn that in order to get some you also have to give some.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will be in one of your more impulsive moods today. Try not to spend money on things you don't need unless you know you can afford it — and unless you have won the lottery you know full well you cannot.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You will be called upon to help someone in need and no matter how busy you might be with your own tasks and chores you must come to their aid.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The planets warn that you may have deviated from your blueprint by a small amount, so maybe you should stand back from what you are working on and make sure it is still going according to plan.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It's time to get working on something of a creative nature that you have been thinking about for quite some time. It will take a great deal of effort, both physical and mental, but it will be a success.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't try to force others to do your bidding today because they will make such an emotional scene that even you will be embarrassed.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone you encounter on your travels will turn out to be a very important contact, both personally and professionally. Make an effort to get out and about and meet people.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If others won't give you what you deserve then you will just have to take it for yourself. You have worked long and hard to reach your current position and have no intention of letting others take the glory.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may be eager for success but don't forget the many responsibilities that go with it. Remember, once you have committed to something, once you have signed on the line.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Something is holding you back, something is stopping you from reaching your true potential. According to the planets it could be your own self-doubt that is preventing you from pushing ahead.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Keep your long-term goals at the forefront of your mind and don't let anyone put you off your quest. So-called friends will come up with all sorts of reasons why you should think again. Be true to your instincts.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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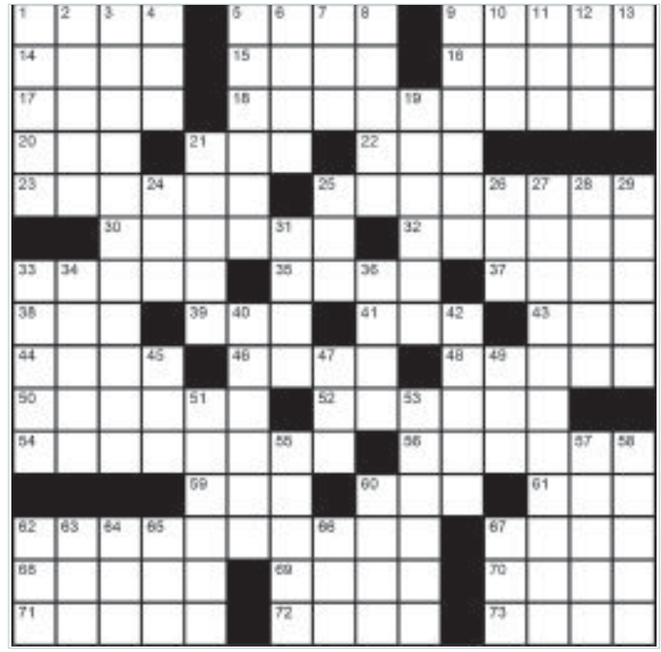
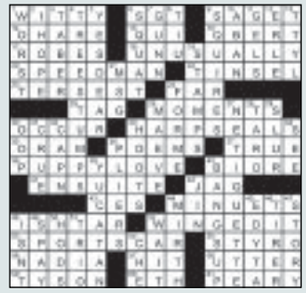


Across
1. Sort
5. Dither
9. Frigid
14. Currency exchange fee
15. Jumble
16. France: Winery river valley
17. Canvas sneakers brand
18. Annual overseas song contest currently underway in Copenhagen
20. "__ be better if..."
21. Gallery piece
22. Movie genre, __-com
23. Sedately
25. Southern Ontario city; or, ABBA song which was the #18-Across winner in 1974
30. Toronto-born jazz singer, __-Claire Barlow
32. The Band's "_ __ Be Released"
33. Hurt
35. Mr. Griffin
37. 'Chant' suffix
38. Mailing encl.
39. Champion
41. Moray __
43. Finished with work [abbr.]
44. British streetcar
46. 'Problem' suffix
48. Kimberly Stewart's mom
50. Country singer Jason
52. Impaler's weapons
54. Toronto Blues Jays sport
56. Degrees
59. Poet's 'not closed'
60. Mr. Craven
61. Bottle's 'lid'
62. Biosphere Reserve region of Quebec
67. Volcanic shape
68. Beach item
69. Against
70. Russian river
71. Ms. Blair
72. Egg masses
73. Alter

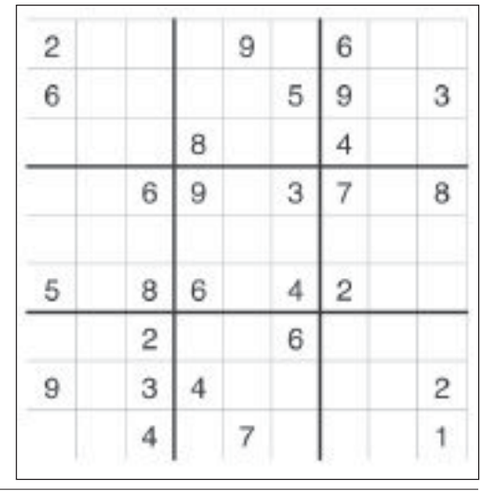
Down
1. Joe __ (Colorado Avalanche executive born in Burnaby, BC)
2. Songbook standard: "_ __ _ Kick Out of You"
3. Spring's curly-topped shoots
4. Froms opposites
5. Ms. Crow
6. Seagoing, shortly
7. Galilee's locale [abbr.]
8. Ms. Birch
9. Juno-winning musician aka Claire Boucher
10. Uncertain utterances
11. Law: French
12. Ancient veil-giver
13. Study
19. Certain candle
21. Actress Ms. Valli
24. French 'Mrs.'
25. Diminutive 26. Scoreboard letters over '0 0 0' at the start of a game of #54-Across
27. War of 1812 heroine, b.1775 - d.1868: 2 wds.
28. Clark Kent's co-worker Jimmy
29. "Get Here" by __ Adams
31. "How _ __ Your Mother"
33. Take _ __ at (Attempt)
34. "Cheers" barmaid
36. Prefix with 'angle'
40. Toasty tray tidbit
42. The Great __
45. Michie __, Canadian rapper
47. PEI part [abbr.]
49. After-Exodus bk.
51. Ancient cloak
53. Tony-winning Canadian actress Ms. Smith (b.1921 - d.1993)
55. Mr. Burton
57. Hawaiian island
58. Wheat type
60. __-Out (Bic product)
62. Li'l dollar parts
63. Gardener's tool
64. Hole-punching tool
65. Ad __ (Relevant)
66. "Thou, too, sail __, _ Ship of State!" - Longfellow
67. Pool stick

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



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3	9	5	8	6	2	4	1	7
1	2	6	9	5	3	7	4	8
4	3	9	7	2	8	1	5	6
5	7	8	6	1	4	2	3	9
7	1	2	5	3	6	8	9	4
9	6	3	4	8	1	5	7	2
8	5	4	2	7	9	3	6	1

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